

SITUATION REPORT NO. 1
INCIDENT No. 2006-032
Date: June 30, 2006 Time: 11:00 a.m.

TO: Governor John Hoeven
State Capitol
Bismarck, N.D. 58505

1. **NATURE OF DISASTER:** **Drought** – Abnormally dry to moderate drought conditions exist across much of south central and southwestern North Dakota and will continue to expand in area throughout the summer, based on forecasts by the National Weather Service(NWS).
2. **DEATHS AND INJURIES:** No deaths or injuries have been reported.
3. **DAMAGES:** The N.D. Crop, Livestock and Weather Report, issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agriculture Statistics Service, indicated crop conditions declined last week due to continued dry weather for the week ending June 26. Late week thunderstorms produced only limited amounts of precipitation in scattered locations across the state. Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 15 percent very short, 32 short, 52 adequate and 1 surplus, compared with the five-year (2001-2005) average of 6 percent very short, 9 short, 68 adequate and 17 surplus. Statewide, on average, there were 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork.
4. **RESOURCES:**

LOCAL: Agencies monitoring drought and fire potential conditions include county extension service officials, fire departments, dispatch centers, law enforcement, county and city public works crews, park boards and emergency management officials.

STATE: Agencies involved in monitoring the drought and fire potential condition reports include the Governor's Office, N.D. Fire Marshal's Office, N.D. Department of Emergency Services (NDDes), N.D. Forest Service (NDFS), N.D. Game and Fish Department (NDGF), N.D. Parks and Recreation Department (NDPR), N.D. Department of Agriculture (NDDA), N.D. State Water Commission (SWC), State Radio (SR) and N.D. Office of Management Budget (OMB).

FEDERAL: Agencies involved in monitoring the drought and fire potential include the National Weather Service (NWS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Farm Service Agency (FSA), Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).

5. VOLUNTEER ACTION: No volunteer action has been reported.
6. MAJOR ACTIONS: On June 28, Governor John Hoeven issued a statewide agricultural drought emergency declaration in response to drought conditions that continue to deteriorate southwest and south central portions of North Dakota, seriously affecting the agricultural industry and related service providers statewide.

On June 27, the Governor's office and NDDDES conducted a meeting to discuss developing drought conditions and assess forecast reports. Participating agencies included the Governor's Office, NDDDES, Fire Marshal's Office, NDDA, NDPR and SWC.

The Emmons and Grant County FSA offices requested the emergency release of CRP lands for grazing and haying. The emergency grazing request was approved to start immediately. The emergency haying request was approved, but haying cannot start until August 2. A request by Burleigh and Morton Counties is currently under review by the state FSA office. A request from Kidder County did not meet FSA criteria and was denied.

Drought declarations have been issued by the Grant, Hettinger, McIntosh, Sioux, and Emmons county commissions.

7. ASSITANCE NEEDED: No assistance is requested.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: No additional outside help has been reported.
9. OTHER INFORMATION: The N.D. Division of Homeland Security's Situation Reports are posted on the Division's Internet home page. The address is <http://www.nd.gov/des>.

Greg Wilz, State Director